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DATED 19 JUNE REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO:

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JOINT STATE-ICA MESSAGE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, PK  
SUBJ: ALARM BELLS IN BALUCHISTAN

1. DURING A THREE-DAY VISIT TO QUETTA JUNE 14-16,  
BPAO KARACHI FOUND ALMOST UNIVERSAL AWARENESS OF AND  
GREAT DISCOMFORT WITH THE CHANGED POLITICAL-MILITARY  
SITUATION OF BALUCHISTAN SINCE THE RECENT AFGHAN COUP.  
POLITICAL LEADERS, BUSINESSMEN, MILITARY OFFICERS,  
EDUCATORS AND MEDIA LEADERS, WITH RARE EXCEPTIONS  
EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN OVER WHAT THEY PERCEIVED AS A  
SOVIET THREAT TO BALUCHISTAN'S SECURITY VIA AFGHANISTAN  
AND WISHED TO COMMUNICATE THEIR DESIRE FOR SOME  
INDICATION OF US INTEREST IN BALUCHISTAN. THEY DO  
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NOT FEAR AFGHANISTAN ITSELF, BUT ALL FEEL THE NEED FOR  
A POWERFUL FRIEND TO COUNTERBALANCE PROBABLE SOVIET USE  
OF AFGHANISTAN TO DESTABILIZE BALUCHISTAN. GENERALLY,  
THE BALUCHI TRIBAL LEADERS, WHO FORMERLY USED THEIR  
CROSS-FRONTIER CONNECTIONS TO BLACKMAIL THE GOP FOR  
CONCESSIONS, VJE NOW MARKING TIME WHILE REASSESSING THE  
DANGERS AND DETERMINING WHERE THEIR REAL INTERESTS LIE.

THE PATHAN TRIBAL LEADERS OF BALUCHISTAN, WHOSE MAJOR INTERESTS ARE LOCATED IN PAKISTAN, ON THE OTHER HAND,

ARE SOUNDING THE ALARM AND MAKING NOISES LIKE PAKISTANI PATRIOTS.

2. ON THE POLITICAL PARTY FRONT, THE PPP SEEMS TO HAVE EVEN LESS REAL FOLLOWING THAN IT HAD BEFORE WHEN BALUCHI LEADERS WERE, LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, BLACKMAILED INTO RUNNING FOR OFFICE UNDER BHUTTO'S BANNER. THE PNA, ON THE OTHER HAND, SEEMS EVERY BIT AS DIVIDED IN BALUCHISTAN

AS IT IS ELSEWHERE. THERE SEEMS TO BE ALMOST UNIVERSAL SCORN FOR WALI KHAN WHO IS SEEN AS UNINTERESTED IN QWILUCHISTAN AND WIDELY BELIEVED TO BE MALINGERING IN THE UI WITH A POLITICAL ILLNESS. SHERBAZ MAZARI WAS DISMISSED AS A FRONT MAN FOR NAP WITH NO SERIOUS POLITICAL FOLLOWING.

3. UNLIKE THE SIND WHERE THE JAMIAT GENERALLY PREVAILS AMONG STUDENTS, THERE IS AN OMINOUS DOMINATION OF STUDENT POLITICS IN BALUCHISTAN BY THE RADICAL BALUCHISTAN STUDENT ORGANIZATION (BSO) AND THE PATHAN STUDENT FEDERATION (PSF), BOTH OF WHICH ARE ACTIVE IN RADICAL COALITIONS ON CAMPUSES EVEN OUTSIDE BALUCHISTAN. THEY ALLEGEDLY RECEIVE FUNDS, TRIPS, FAVORS, AND

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ENCOURAGEMENT FROM SOVIET BLOC SOURCES IN KARACHI, AND ONE FORMER PPP FEDERAL MINISTER CLAIMS THAT ALL THE STUDENTS IN KHUZDAR WEAR LENIN PINS AND ARE RADICALIZED ENOUGH TO BE USED AS COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS IN PAKISTAN. LABOR LEADERS ARE NON-EXISTENT AND ARMY OFFICERS OF ALL LEVELS ARE FELT TO BE LOYAL TO THE GOP.

4. A NUMBER OF SOURCES GAVE NEW URGENCY TO THE OFT-EXPRESSED DESIRE FOR AN AMERICAN CONSULATE OR REINSTALLATION OF THE FORMER USIS CENTER IN QUETTA. SEVERAL SUGGESTED THAT THIS WOULD SERVE A BADLY NEEDED FUNCTION AS A RALLYING POINT FOR MODERATE TO RIGHT WING STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT NOW ORGANIZED TO COMPETE WITH THE PSF OR BSO.

5. TRIP REPORT FOLLOWS WITH MORE DETAILS.

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